

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1913.

FOREIGN RATES.		CANADIAN RATES.	
DAILY AND SUNDAY:		DAILY AND SUNDAY:	
One month.....	\$1.55	One month.....	\$.75
One year.....	18.50	One year.....	8.50
DAILY ONLY:		DAILY ONLY:	
Six months.....	8.07	One month.....	.50
One year.....	6.14	One year.....	6.00
DAILY ONLY:		DAILY ONLY:	
One month.....	1.02	One month.....	.50
One year.....	12.25	One year.....	4.50

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The National Civil Service Reform League has protested against the Finance Committee's scheme to make a mockery of the merit system. That pro-

A good horse under one is the shore equivalent of a sail boat's deck; horses and sail boats have personality, and yield a salutary sense of exaltation. But whatever vacation one takes, and whether it

From The Living Church.

To play cards with a stake attached, so that one person loses what another makes, is gambling, and is objectionable. To play with no stake, but with a prize, given by the hostess to the winner, seems wholly unobjectionable, no one incurring a loss, and the hostess, who pays for the prize not competing for it. But where such prizes are of large intrinsic value, or where players are overzealous for the prize for its own sake, that which is harmless in itself becomes harmful and should be avoided.



An Open Forum for Public Debate

Why a Reader Thinks It Should Be Decided in Favor of Whitman.

Brooklyn, July 26, 1913.

His Acts with Respect to the New Mexican School Teachers Are Criticized

ter to the chairman of the executive committee of the Citizens' Municipal Committee that certain of his acts as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment require explanation. Why did

he not, as chairman of the sub-committee in charge of the proposed changes on the

Hudson River waterfront demanded by the New York Central Railroad Company, obtain an opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to the title of the railroad and of the city to the land affected by the proposed agreement before he made his report? Why did he announce at a public meeting of that sub-committee that his committee had no such opinion? Why did he propose to the effect that the railroad owned the land which it occupied north of the 53th street freight yards, when in fact his committee had no such opinion? Why did he announce that the decision in the injunction suit between the City of New York and the New York Central Railroad had decided that the city could not interfere with the railroad north of the 53th street freight yard, when the decision was to the contrary? Would he not be satisfied that he could not have known that that case did not affect those rights? Why did he propose to not allow or

A CASE OF DOG EAT DOG

The Turk Can Chuckle as the Chris-

tians Kill One Another.
To the Editor of The Tribune.

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Sir: If there is any humor in the make-up of the Turk, we may assume that he is chuckling and chortling to himself over the present outlook in his part of the world. It may be pure accident, so far as the Turk is concerned, or it may be that wonderful diplomatic cleverness for which he is noted, but, in any event, everything in Southeastern Europe seems to be playing into the hands of the Ottoman.

Things looked pretty black for the Porte when the allies were sweeping all before them on land and water, and it was even suggested that it would be well for the

Chinese music-making concert of the powers to stop the victorious Bulgar before he seized Constantinople itself. Then, by some hocus-pocus or otherwise, the Balkan States were induced to fight among

themselves, with the result that Turkey has reoccupied Adrianople, and is even said to be in possession of some of the cities in Bulgarian territory.

cent dispatch, however, indicates wonderful possibilities. Rumania is being used as a pawn, we are told, to check Greece and Servia. Perhaps the army of King Charles will soon be pitted against those of Greece and Servia. We may assume

that when King Charles has been hopelessly crippled Greece and Servia will fight until both are so weak that Austria and Turkey can take what territory there is left to the Balkan States when the war is over.

Bosporus will pick the bones.
F. L. ORTON.

Brooklyn, July 26, 1913.

URBS IN RURE
A Distant Jerseyite Sets His Watch
by the Metropolitan Tower

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: Your readers will undoubtedly be interested to know that an increasing number of New York City families who spend their summers on top of this little

mountain known as Bald Knob, in the lake region of Morris County, N. J., are able to regulate their timepieces by the "flashes of the hour" in the Metropolitan Tower in Madison Square, New York City. The tower is fairly visible to the unaided eye in the daytime and its slender form is seen very distinctly with the field glasses. It stands out just north of the Hotel Montclair, which is just about half way between Cedar Lake and New York City.

Bald Knob, so called because in the early days it was bald, is the ridge that makes the highest part of Cedar Lake tract and has an elevation of nearly one thousand feet above the sea, and about four hundred above the lake. It is two miles north of Denville station, on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, and on the time table is given as thirty-eight miles from Hoboken, via Newark and Morristown.

The great light on the Metropolitan Tower is the largest of the lights seen in the wonderful panorama of the night on this ridge, and it is one of the evening pastimes here to watch the disappearance of the white light, the blinking of the red and then the flashing of the hour.

The Woolworth Building is also visible.

I saw it most clearly at daybreak this morning and there is a light as brilliant as that of the Metropolitan, constantly twinkling at night, right in the direction of the Woolworth Building. Can any reader tell what light it is? Is there a light in the Woolworth, Singer or other high buildings in New York City of so

great brilliancy, or is it at West Orange or some intermediate point? Can it be

the Statute of Liberty? The residents or the log cabins on Bald Knob, teachers, lecturers, engineers, musicians and the like, will be very grateful to the Tribune reader who can enlighten them on this subject, and will be equally glad to show New York City to any one who wishes to see it from so distant a point.

GEORGE DONALDSON.
Bald Knob, Cedar Lake, Denville, N. J.

July 24, 1913.

THE DANGEROUS GOLF BALL

Cannot the New Style Core Be Made
Harmless?
To the Editor of The Tribune.

Recently a friend told me of the case of a child she knew of personally, whose eye was closed by the opening of a golf ball, and also of seeing in a newspaper

The contents of the balls must be deadly, as in both cases no way had been found of opening the eyes by physicians.

A. EDDY.

New York, July 25, 1913.

THEY DON'T COUNT.

From The Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A man recently appointed to a \$13,000 office in New York State explains that he re-

ceived the appointment because Tammany and the Governor both approved of him, and he had the necessary qualifications. But why mention the qualifications?